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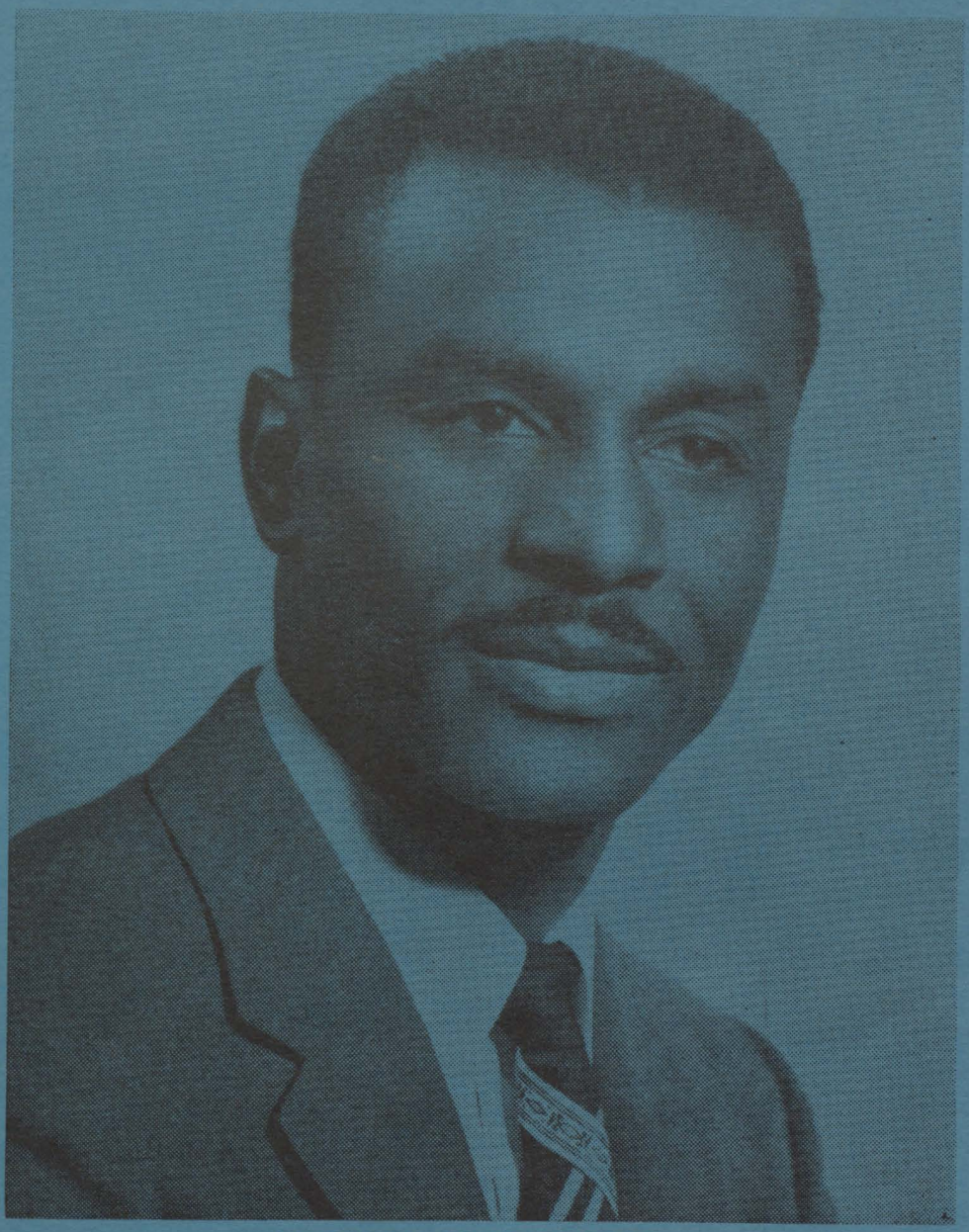

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Emancipation's honored guest speaker this year is the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, an honored fighter for freedom in the South. Mr. Shuttlesworth comes to us after a series of victories — and some setbacks bravely borne in the cause of freedom — in his home city of Birmingham, Alabama.

Born in Montgomery County, Alabama, in 1922, Mr. Shuttlesworth was educated in Oxmoor, near Birmingham, and later graduated from Selma University in Alabama and Alabama State College at Montgomery. He received his seminary training at Cedar Grove Academy in Mobile, Alabama, and at Selma University.

Mr. Shuttlesworth's first pastorate was at Everdale Baptist Church, Selma, from 1948 to 1950, along with Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Potter, Ala. He subsequently served at First Baptist Church, Selma, from 1950 to 1952, and moved to Bethel Baptist Church, North Birmingham, in 1953. Since April, 1961, he has been in his present pastorate at Revelation Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

It was in May, 1956, that Mr. Shuttlesworth first came to national attention in the United States with the organization of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR), in conjunction with a committee of Negro ministers in Birmingham.

The formation of the ACMHR followed quickly on the heels of an attempt by certain Alabama groups to outlaw the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Mr. Shuttlesworth, as president of the new organization, uttered these prophetic words:
"They could outlaw an organization, but they couldn't outlaw the movement of a people determined to be free."

In its original statement of principles, the ACMHR stated:

"As free and independent citizens of the United States of America, and of the State of Alabama, we express publicly our determination to press forward persistently for freedom and democracy, and the removal from our society of any forms of second-class citizenship . . . We Negroes shall never become enemies of the white people. But America was born in the struggle for Freedom from Tyranny and Oppression. We shall never bomb any homes or lynch any persons; but we must, because of history and the future, march to complete freedom with unbowed heads, praying hearts, and an unyielding determination."

The new organization's first effort was directed toward getting the city of Birmingham to hire Negroes on its police force. When petitions and delegations to officials failed, a suit was filed in October, 1956, against the Personnel Board demanding the right of Negroes to take examinations for all civil service jobs—police, clerical, etc. The Personnel Board later removed the "white only" designation from all jobs, and Negroes were allowed to take examinations.

Also in 1956, a couple from Milwaukee were arrested by Birmingham police because they sat in the waiting room reserved for whites in the city railroad station. The ACMHR went to their defense and filed suit in Federal Court.

Then in December, 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that segregation on busses in Montgomery, Ala., was illegal. This was the climax to the historic year-long Montgomery bus protest.

Immediately, the ACMHR asked city officials in Birmingham to comply with the law of the land and rescind bus segregation in this city. They refused. So the ACMHR leaders announced that on December 26 some of its representatives would ride the busses unsegregated anyway—in order to test the segregation law.

On the night before they were to ride—on Christmas Night, 1956—a bomb wrecked the home and damaged the church of the ACMHR president, Mr. Shuttlesworth. He was in bed just over the spot where the bomb went off. Members of the ACMHR say he was saved to "lead the movement."

Undaunted, Mr. Shuttlesworth on the next day led a large group of Negroes in mass violation of the bus law. Twenty-two were arrested, convicted in City Court, and fined $50. They then filed suit in Federal Court, in January, 1957.

In June of that year, an ambiguous court ruling in the railroad station segregation suit led Mr. Shuttlesworth to decide it was time to test segregation there again. He announced to the press that he and Mrs. Shuttlesworth, who is his co-worker in the movement, would be in the waiting room on a certain day, preparatory to taking a train trip. When they got there, a mob was waiting and they narrowly escaped injury. A white minister, the Rev. Lamar Weaver, who offered them support, was attacked by the mob and later was driven out of town.

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KINGSTON, Jamaica — Weekend Warriors from Grosse Ile, Mich. Naval Air Station shared in the satisfaction of a job well done when they revisited this newly independent nation to put the finishing touches on "Operation Helpmate."

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Capt. Arthur J. Schultz Jr., commanding officer of the Naval Air Station, Grosse Ile, Mich., and Cmdr. Calvin C. Rock, who heads Attack Squadron 732 represented the Navy at official dedication ceremonies for the new Children's Medical and Dental Clinic of West Kingston.

The clinic recently opened with a full stock of supplies brought in from Detroit in three previous visits by Weekend Warriors. An additional two tons of supplies was added today to the 6,000 pounds already delivered.

"Operation Helpmate" was born earlier this year when World Medical Relief, a non-profit organization that helps furnish supplies for the sick and needy of other nations, learned that the U.S. Mens Club in West Kingston had all but given up building the clinic for lack of funds.

Through donations by several pharmaceutical and medical equipment firms about Detroit, a complete dental office along with an impressive list of vitamins, food supplement and penicillin were raised. Then came the transportation problem, so the Navy stepped in.

Grosse Ile Naval Air Station heard of the organization's plight and came to the rescue with three large cargo planes and the pilots to fly them — Weekend Warriors. Capt. Schultz decided to combine the mission with squadron VA-732's annual two week active duty training, and 14 Douglas "Skyraiders," also piloted by reservists, joined the formation.

On the eve of Jamaica's independence, after 400 years of colonial rule, "Operation Helpmate" was well received by the people and the clinic was saved. This markes the reservists' third visit under the new government.

Along with the latest shipment for the clinic was an additional 3,000 pounds of supplies for the Jamaica Christian Boy's Home, Ltd., another charitable organization that helps the youth of the island.

On the first trip, a large shipment of penicillin and food supplement was also delivered to the Dominican Republic to be distribulted among the poor. It was the first time a U.S. military reserve unit had ever visited that country.

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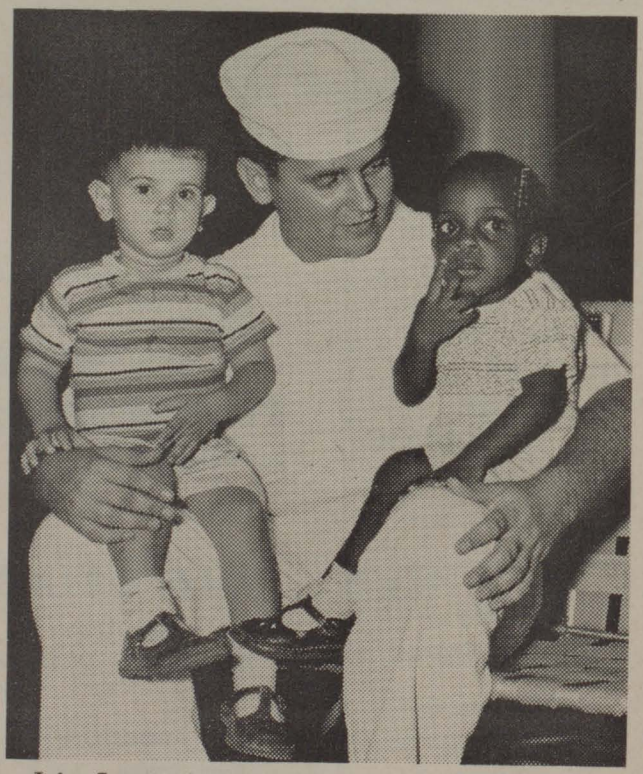
Thanking the Americans at the dedication, Miss Susan Powell, a Jamaican, said, "When men have done their best, angels cannot do more."
(Official U.S. Navy Photo)



John Small, airman apprentice, U.S. Naval Reserve, makes friends with two Jamaican orphans during "Operation Helpmate." (Official U.S. Navy Photo)

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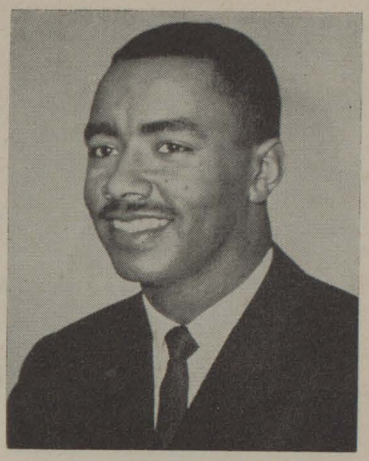

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New Light Baptist Church Young Adult Choir

The greatness of any organization can usually be traced back to a single individual. The Young Adult Choir of New Light Baptist Church attributes its greatness to the efforts of not one, but a number of key persons. Through the years each of these persons have played key roles in making the choir what it is today.

Dr. A. M. Martin, our late, beloved pastor, in September of 1946 felt the need for a more active Youth Department. For this reason he called together Mrs. Katie Upshaw, Mrs. Julia Marshall, and Mr. Brown. The result of this meeting was the formation of a Sunday School Choir with the late Mr. J. S. Beck as superintendent.

During those first years the choir advanced rapidly with Geraldine Allen serving as the first president, Muriel Maclin as secretary, Sarah Beasley as director, Ernesta Miller as pianist, and Emma Crayton as supervisor. Soon Rev. Martin called this Sunday School Choir up into regular church service, and it became the Young Adult Choir.

The choir developed spiritually as well as musically and in a short time became an important part of the church.

In later years the leadership of the choir passed into different hands but in each case high standards of spiritual growth and Christian endeavor were set and kept.

In 1956 under the directorship of Mr. John Reese, the choir grew in size from less than 50 members to over 150. These years were climaxed by an appearance as guest choir in Chicago, Illinois at the National Baptist Convention and a joint concert with the famed First Church of Deliverance Choir. Rev. Martin was proud of his young people and provided many opportunities for advancement.

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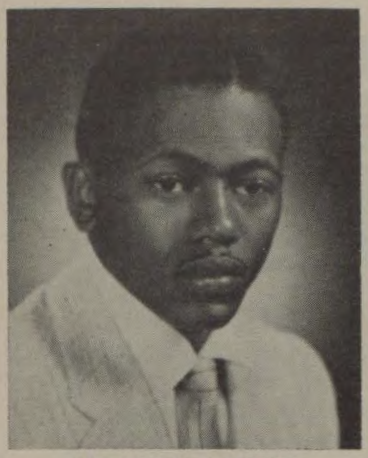

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New Light Baptist Church Young Adult Choir

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Today, the Young Adult Choir is known throughout the country for its near-professional execution of intricate and unique musical arrangements. This is primarily due to the musical acuity of the director, Mr. Harold Smith. This young man composes and arranges his own songs with a brilliance that approaches genius The organist, Mr. Charles Nicks, accompanies the choir with a magic touch that draws out even further the spiritual music composed by Mr. Smith and rendered by the choir. The president, Mr. Prentis McGlaun, has served ably for over six years. Mrs. Upshaw remains today, after 16 years, as supervisor of the Youth Department.

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by JOHN LINDBLAD

One hundred and thirty years ago, a very proud lady in one of the greatest moments in British history took up her pen and signed her name to a document. With a stroke of her pen, she abolished slavery in the British Empire. Her name was Queen Victoria and in all her great moments, this was the greatest. They called it Emancipation. The date was August 7, 1832.

One hundred and thirty years later, now, Windsor marks the occasion and to my way of thinking it is a most proud moment in Windsor history. This is the only place in North America that takes the occasion seriously and it has brought Windsor fame and fortune.

They come from all parts of Canada and the U.S. to mark the day. By car and bus they come, white man, colored man, and join in something that, to me anyway, shows there is hope for this tired old world.

Queen Victoria didn't abolish racial intolerance and the world must wait perhaps a few hundred more years before that can be done — but the celebrations in Windsor are a giant step in that direction. There are so many places in the world where this couldn't be done — Little Rock, Arkansas, Mobile, Alabama, Johannesburg, South Africa, and dozens of other places.

It can be done here and has been done here for years and I submit this is a mighty big feather in Windsor's hat.

It's a time of parades, cotton candy, carnival, picnic and games. It's a happy time in a tired old world that should spend more time being happy.

But, there comes a time to pause and to think . . .

Away from the sound of happy voices and the smell of good food, pause for a moment and think about the day.

Emancipation Day has been good to Windsor. Over the years it has attracted thousands who have spent many a dollar in the city. It's a well run show with a spectacular parade, good food, pleasant company and fine entertainment. From a show standpoint, it's one no one should miss

But this isn't what Emancipation Day means to me and I don't think it should mean this to anyone. The day should mark a moment when we stop, look and listen, and resolve to be just a little better, fairer and more polite. If this spirit could last and spread the world over, there wouldn't be war and misery.

They say Windsor is an industrial town. I don't think so. I think it is truly a city of brotherly love. There are few racial barriers and those that exist stem from ignorance. Negroes occupy many important positions in the city and form an important segment of the population. These are the descendants of slaves but today they can hold their head high and so can everyone else.

What Emancipation Day means to me is not the celebration of something that happened 130 years ago but the start on a long road that can result in making this world a better place in which to live. It started in Windsor and I'm mighty proud of that. So should you be.

These are the thoughts we should think about in a quiet moment. But then we should have fun because the world needs it. After the pause for some important thinking, join in the fun.

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Friend of Emancipation

The Emancipation Celebration in Windsor lost an old friend early in July when John J. Considine, superintendent of the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation from 1938 to 1959, died in West Palm Beach, Florida, at 67.

Mr. Considine died in St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach of a heart attack. An employee of the City of Detroit since 1921, he began his career as a play leader when the city had only 25 playgrounds. At his retirement in 1959, he left a department that included 444 play areas, one within walking distance of every city child's home.

Walter L. Perry, managing director of Emancipation in Windsor, said Mr. Considine was "a true friend of the youngsters."

"He took an interest in the Emancipation celebrations here right from the very first," said Mr. Perry. "We found him ready to help out at any time, and in any way he could. Emancipation wouldn't be what it is but for the help of John Considine."

The list of the late Mr. Considine's achievements in his chosen field is long, including local, state, national and international honors. He served as chairman of the in-service training committee for the American Institute of Park Executives and was appointed by President Eisenhower to the National Youth Fitness Committee.

He was also a member of the National Recreation Association, the Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth, the Michigan Horticultural Society, the Mayor's Committee on Children and Youth and the Detroit Community Relations Commission.

The American Institute of Park Executives, the National Recreation Association and the National Association for Retarded Children all honored Mr. Considine during his career.

Among the firsts he achieved were:

Co-operative planning of the Cannon Recreation Center, financed jointly by his department and the Board of Education.

The Patton indoor-outdoor pool, which has been copied elsewhere.

Experimentation with outdoor artificial ice rinks in 1953. The city now has 10 rinks.

Organization of a program for mentally retarded youngsters, known nationally as the Detroit Plan.

Introduction of a garden program in the schools, teaching 3,500 children about plant life.

Organization of senior-citizen clubs with a variety of activities.

Mr. Considine's administration also brought to the City of Detroit the Jerome H. Remick Bandshell, Palmer Park handball courts, Belle Isle skating pavilion, eight outdoor swimming pools, lighted athletic stadiums, new community centers and toboggan slides.

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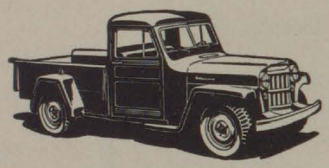

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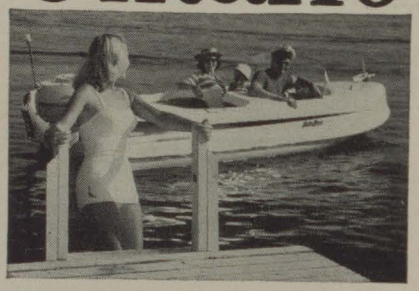

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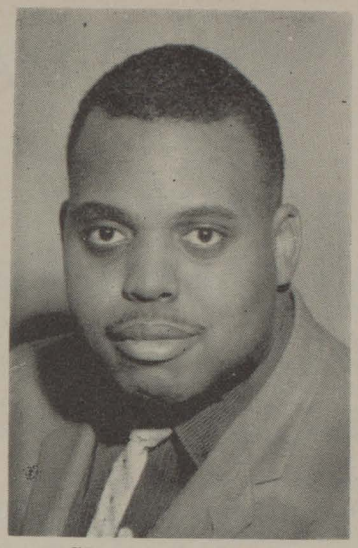

CHARLES NICKS
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New Light Baptist Church Young Adult Choir

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ONE MAN'S STRUGGLE

by WALTER L. PERRY

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What is the future of Emancipation in Windsor?

It is impossible for any organization to meet the financial demands under the present policy set by Windsor City Council. The costs are too high, and the facilities are not available.

To prove my point, in 1953 twenty-two different organizations used Jackson Park for their different types of program. In 1961 only five events were held. This year two have been held, and Emancipation and the Firemen's Field Day are going on with their shows.

The cost for operating the Emancipation Celebration has risen tremendously. In 1935 it cost less than $500, in 1954 the cost was $24,000. This was the high-light of the Centennial year celebration.

Some of the world's best known people, including the late Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the late W. C. Handy (Daddy of the Blues), Congressmen Adam Clayton Powell, have been guest speakers. The financial picture that year was the best ever, with a surplus around $4,200. In 1956 four days of rain, in 1957 fire just nineteen days before the Celebration, destroyed the grandstand. In 1958 Mayor appointed special Committee to operate the Celebration and there was a deficit of more than $5,000. Parade was called off, just forty-eight hours before it was to happen.

In 1959 I again had taken full charge and tried to put the Celebration back together. It was coming along nicely but in 1960 there was a riot at Windsor Arena, which the Emancipation had no part in. The Emancipation got the blame and black-eye, and in 1961 many people did not come to the celebration, because they were under the impression the riot was at the Emancipation Celebration, which was not the truth.

It is hoped that operating costs can be met in 1963. This year there will be a definite loss, at least $2,000. We are trying to hold down costs.

Let me quote some figures for the 1961 parade, which was the finest that ever marched down Ouellette Ave. Gay Blades of Newark, N.J., $2,000; Toronto Optic, $600; St. John, $550; Beltones, $200; Preston Scout House Boys, $500; Lionette, $450; Ohio Bands and Marching Units, $650; Flint Band, $250; five bands at $200 each; five bands at $150; marching units (five) at $100 each.

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These are the highlights of the financial picture last year. These figures do not include, telephone bills, travelling expenses, entertaining, etc.

These expenses could be met if the people making money off the Emancipation Celebration would pay their fair share.

No Guest Speaker has given his service for nothing in the past 15 years. Guest Speakers cost $250.00 to $1,500.00.

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Now while I haven't actually checked this rumor with the Big Boss of Emancipation, I do understand that this secret of the culinary art will never be found in any cook book. It has been handed down in the Perry family for generations. And I do know for a positive fact without checking further that Mr. "E" has has a lot of opportunities to bottle the sauce commercially, and at great financial benefit. Nothing on this earth . . . absolutely . . . positively nothing . . . could induce Walter Perry's family to sell the formula . . . and so it remains year after year, an Emancipation highlight as eagerly anticipated each year as the gigantic Calithumpian Parade which rocks Ouellette Ave., as a prelude to the big festivities which touch off the spark of the rocket-crammed Emancipation Observation.

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The Declaration of Equality states that all men are created equal, yet the upholding of this proclamation has been and still is the principal stimulus for the friction between the black and white people in Canada today.

The dictionary defines equality as "having the same qualities," but let us follow the problems a young coloured teenager has in trying to obtain a decent job in the City of Windsor and see how much equality there actually is inside of this amicable city.

First we will recall a little of this teenager's background. He had an above-average scholastic standing all through public and secondary school. His family was fairly well situated economically and they lived in a white neighbourhood.

Upon graduation from high school our young character sets out to look for summer work in order to obtain financial aid for college. Practically all of his white boy friends find good summer jobs, yet he tries many of the same companies and gets the run around. And what makes matters worse is that his education standards were higher than most of his friends. For example applying at one of Windsor's supposedly integrated stores he was told to come back in two weeks and upon returning he was told to come back at the end of the week. Full of hope he once again called back only to be told to come back the next day earlier in the day, and so back tracking the next day he received a rejecting answer — that they would call him when they needed him. Is this pride or prejudice?

Every store sang the same song about having all the help they need. Sure, Windsor's unemployment is high, but there is still the fact that his boy friends all obtain summer employment. Is this equality?

The white man accepts our money with a smile, but frowns upon the idea of hiring coloured. The white man thinks that all Negroes are unregenerated and unhygenic and it is a crime to associate with them. He argues that we should get our own separate schools and churches, but where are we, the coloured people, going to raise the money to improve our humbled areas in Windsor or build new modern churches, if we are scorned and belittled at every place we enter seeking financial aid.

The city council itself hasn't taken any important steps to promote the advancement of the coloured man in Windsor in the past seven years.

So this is what Windsor calls equality. Is she living up to the declaration?

Just how much has the Negro progressed since receiving his freedom? He is allowed to work with the white man in meager jobs, his children have trouble going to school with the white man's children, he cannot join certain elite social lodges and clubs, live in exclusive residential areas, or eat in exquisite restaurants. The money is all the same no matter whether it comes from black or white hands. Is this progress for the Canadian Negro?

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The following September, Mr. and Mrs. Shuttlesworth and another adult, the Rev. J. S. Phifer, took four Negro young people, including two daughters of the Shuttlesworths, to the Phillips High School (white) in Birmingham in an effort to enroll them.

They were met by a mob. Mr. Shuttlesworth was beaten with chains and hospitalized. Mrs. Shuttlesworth was stabbed in the hip. One of the children suffered an injured foot.

As soon as Mr. Shuttlesworth recovered, a suit was filed against the Board of Education, asking admission of Negro pupils to the schools nearest their homes.

In June, 1958, another attempt was made to bomb Mr. Shuttlesworth's church. A courageous ACMHR member saw the bomb in time, picked it up and threw it into the street, but the repercussions damaged one side of the church.

In October, 1958, while the ACMHR's suit over bus segregation was still pending, the city repealed its bus segregation law. In its place they adopted a new law which does not mention race but gives bus drivers police powers to seat passengers—and makes it a "breach of the peace" for a passenger to disobey the seat assignment oredered by the driver.

The Federal Court then dismissed the ACMHR's suit challenging the original law, on the theory that the question was moot. This dismissal was appealed by the ACMHR.

Meantime, in October, 1958, 13 Negroes rode the busses unsegregated again to test the new law. They were arrested and charged with conspiracy, breach of the peace, and disorderly conduct. Mr. Shuttlesworth, who did not ride, was also arrested and charged with inciting the others to ride. They were all convicted, remanded to jail, and held five days incommunicado.

On the night of the trial, while they were in jail, an orderly crowd of 5,000 Negroes gathered on the courthouse lawn in non-violent protest against the arrests.

The convictions were appealed and those arrested were released on bond. Then, a new injunctive action was filed against the city and the bus company.

Meanwhile, Birmingham Negroes voluntarily began a campaign of staying off the busses in protest. Although the newspapers blacked out all news of it, everyone knew that the bus company's business was seriously decreased for a time.

Today the struggle of the ACMHR has been going on for more than three years. In that period, not a day passed that Mr. and Mrs. Shuttlesworth and other leaders of the movement and many rank-and-file members have not received threats of death over the telephone and through the mail. Phones ring all night; strange cars circle the blocks where leaders of the movement live.

Each night since the first bombing in December, 1956, volunteer guards have sat all night watching the Shuttlesworth home and church.

Repeatedly members of the ACMHR have petitioned the city for police protection. None of their letters or petitions has ever received an answer.

Instead the police have joined in the harassment. Guards at the Shuttlesworth home have been searched and arrested. The city's famous police commissioner, Eugene "Bull" Connor, issued a decree that no Negro minister should urge his people to stay off the busses. Mr. Shuttlesworth's response was typical:

"Only God can tell me what to say in my pulpit. And I'm going to tell my people to stay off those busses if I have to go to Kilby Prison."

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